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TO: FAMILY PACT PROVIDERS

SUBJECT: PROGRAM LETTER 03-08
LABORATORY TESTING: DELETIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

The Office of Family Planning (OFP) is sending this Program Letter to advise providers of the following Family PACT (Planning, Access, Care and Treatment) Program laboratory services changes **effective December 1, 2003**. Official notification was given to all providers, including laboratory providers, in the *Medi-Cal Update – Billing and Policy* November 2003 bulletin.

For dates of service on or after December 1, 2003, Family PACT no longer reimburses the following laboratory test:

- CPT-4 code 83002 gonadotropin; luteinizing hormone (LH).

For dates of service on or after, December 1, 2003, the following laboratory tests are only reimbursed when the female client's presenting problem is Infertility with Primary Diagnoses Codes S901, S9012, or S902. These tests are limited to once per year for the same client.

- CPT-4 code 83001 gonadotropin; follicle stimulating hormone (FSH).
- CPT-4 code 84146 prolactin.



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Medical record documentation must reflect the clinical rationale for providing or ordering services rendered to clients according to the *Family PACT Standards* including, but not limited to, client assessment, diagnosis, treatment and follow-up.

Family PACT clients may not be billed for laboratory services that are covered by the Family PACT Program. Clients also may not be billed for non-covered laboratory tests without informed consent and acceptance of financial responsibility for those tests.

The above program policies are clearly stated in each provider's program manual, the Family PACT *Policies, Procedures and Billing Instructions* (PPBI) manual. Please be reminded that each enrolled Family PACT provider is held responsible that the program in their practice is conducted as described in the PPBI. Replacement pages for the Family PACT PPBI will be issued in the near future.

Please share this important information with all clinicians and staff involved with services to Family PACT clients. You may contact Janet N. Treat, P.H.N., M.N., Chief of Clinical Services Section at (916) 650-0414 with questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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